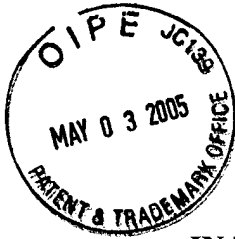


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application. Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application.

**35 U.S.C. § 103:**

*Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6*

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Miyasaka (U.S. Patent 6,497,208). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection in view of the following remarks.